



The Roundabout

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Maryburgh's Free Newsletter

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24 Days of Advent

Due to the popularity of last Christmas' 24 Days of Advent Trail, the elves are organising yet another "find the Window" event. Join the treasure hunt to find the "24 Windows of Advent" in Maryburgh. Information will be displayed in the village and on FB.



The hunt is open to all nursery and primary aged children who live in Maryburgh and the surrounding area.

What's on in Maryburgh and District

Text in green means that these activities are running again but following the Scottish Government's guidelines with priority being to keep users safe.

All information is correct at time of printing

Hall: Monday: Highland Radio-Controlled Car Club. 6.30pm – 9pm.

First night FREE!

Adults: £7. Under 16s: £4. Any RC car can be used. Just bring it along.

Club cars can be hired. Sockets available for charging.

Tuesday: Available

Wednesday: Available

Thursday: Martial Arts 6 - 8pm. £5/1hr, £8 / 2hrs. First Class free.

Min age 6 yr First class free. No upper age limits.

Find Cameron's School of Martial Arts on Facebook. Phone: 0781000946

Friday: Available

***To book the hall, contact: <http://maryburghhub.info/hall-booking-enquiries/>
email: contact@maryburghhub.info Call Steph: 07970 010 718**

Senior Citizens Lunch Club:

Cottage Bar.12 noon on Wednesdays. All welcome. A chance to socialise and have a great lunch! Contact: 01349 861230

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

Conon Church Hall: Beavers: - Tuesday, 6.15pm – 7. 15pm,

Leanaig Centre: Cubs are desperately in need of leaders.

(Thursday 6.30 – 7.30pm – to be verified)

Scouts:- Friday 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Maryburgh Baby & Toddler Group

Wednesdays 9.45am-11.30am

Free Church Hall

£1.50 per child and 50p for siblings

All welcome with children 0-5 years

Tea, coffee and biscuits available for adults and snacks for kids.

Loch Achonachie Angling Club

The majority of the club's fishings open on April 1st until 6th October. If you are interested in joining the club, contact the club secretary, Mr Okain MacIennan, 19 Seaforth Drive, Fortrose Tel: 01381620674, go to our website:<http://highland fishing.net/> or check us out on Facebook.

Bowling, SWI and Badminton still to be updated

150 Club

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September

£40. Margaret Russell
£25. Duncan Macdonald
£10. Helen Loughton

October

£40. Spanky
£25. Melanie Holt
£10. Traci Payne

Congratulations to the prize winners! The draw has returned to being done at Lunch Club. There is now a waiting list, Contact Steph on 07970 010718.



Babs Kennedy would like to thank Traci, Fiona and Dianne plus all her Friends at Lunch Club for the beautiful flowers sent on her return home. Thank you, also, for their phone calls and cards.

Thank you to the folk who contributed towards the fundraising for the defib cabinet – through the raffle, Bingo night and anonymous donations thus proving that there is still a community spirit in Maryburgh!

The “Roundabout” thanks those who have continued to deliver hard copies of the newsletter to those not online or not making use of social media. Also to those who delivered The Roundabout from 2016 until they were locked down!

Steph for continuing to do her best to keep the hall running during the difficulties of the past 20 months and for reviving the local lottery (150 Club)

Alistair Macnab for helping the “garden group” with the forest bark at the Wrightfield garden

Thank you to all involved in the Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial on Sunday 14th November. Thank you to the Rev Alex Stewart and piper Sean Mackenzie

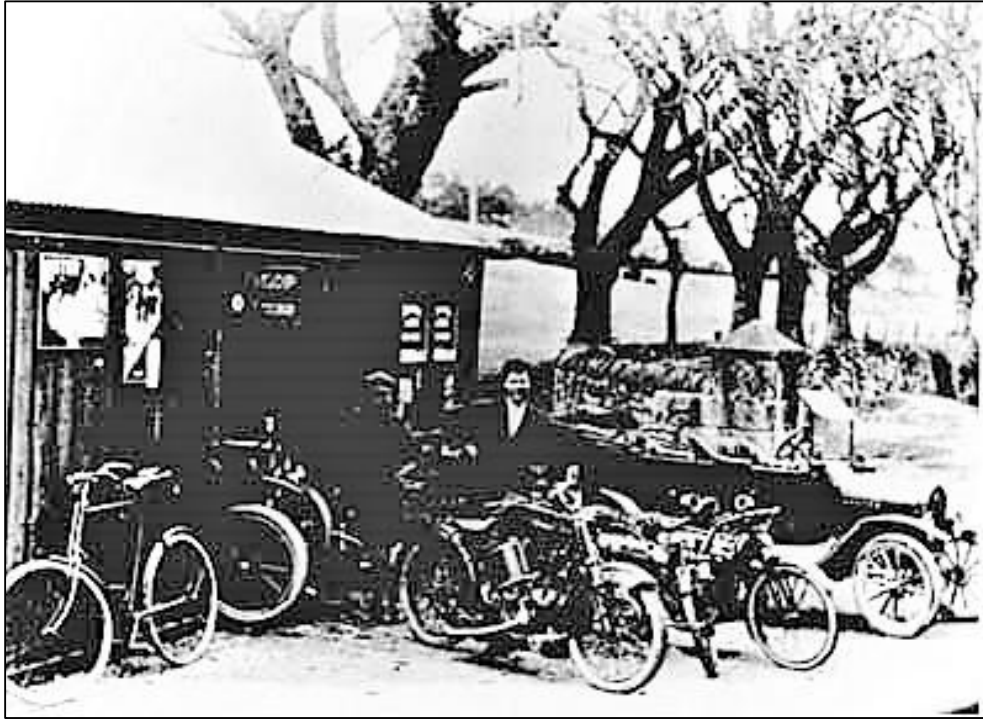




Ross and Cromarty Heritage Society

Maryburgh History

Maryburgh Folk



An early television set was built in 1930 by Frank Menzies to the workings of the Baird Principle. This television is now housed in Dingwall Museum.

Pictures from the air

In the early nineteen thirties, in a room of the house next to the motor garage on the north bank of the river Conon, just opposite the Toll house, the atmosphere was tense and a bit eerie. The few invited guests gazed in some apprehension at the contraption resting on the table in front of them: Dominant was a thin disc with six spokes, painted black and silver, and with an intriguing pattern of spiralling holes close to the perimeter. To the right of this was what appeared to be a hypnotic glass eye. A round leather belt connected a pulley on the disc to a similar pulley on a small turbine; all this was fixed to a frame firmly bolted down to a commandeered fireside stool; rubber hoses ran from the turbine to a nearby sink, one fixed to the water tap, the other simply a drain. The bulb had been removed from the overhead light and replaced with a plug and length of flex terminating at a cluster of valves and coils on the apparatus; an aerial wire led through the ceiling. All was ready.

Frank Menzies, whose enterprising project this was, built it using the scant and sometimes unreliable information given in wireless magazines of the era, and it was indeed a John Logie Baird Television. Frank gave a brief explanation of Baird's invention, though the understanding of scanning discs and cathode tubes was way above the heads of most people in the room. Then he turned on a brass tumbler switch on the base; valves began to glow softly in the dark room, and in the glass eye, an area of about four inches by three inches lit up, now full of static.

Going to the sink he turned on the tap and slowly the turbine began to rotate, with the scanning disc, wobbling at first, beginning to turn faster and faster changing the pattern in the glass screen; Frank sat patiently by the tap, adjusting the flow of water and so the speed of the disc; twenty minutes passed and the sceptics in the audience were beginning to fidget, when suddenly, the vague and snowy figure of a man in full evening dress appeared on the screen.

The first television built in the Highlands was in operation. Two burst pipes and two flooded floors later the water turbine was replaced by an electric motor and a rheostat which helped things a lot.



We would like to introduce ourselves. We are a family trio who are excited to start our new adventure.

We would like to thank [Traci](#), Di and all the staff for being a massive help to us and settling us in. We've certainly got some big boots to fill!!

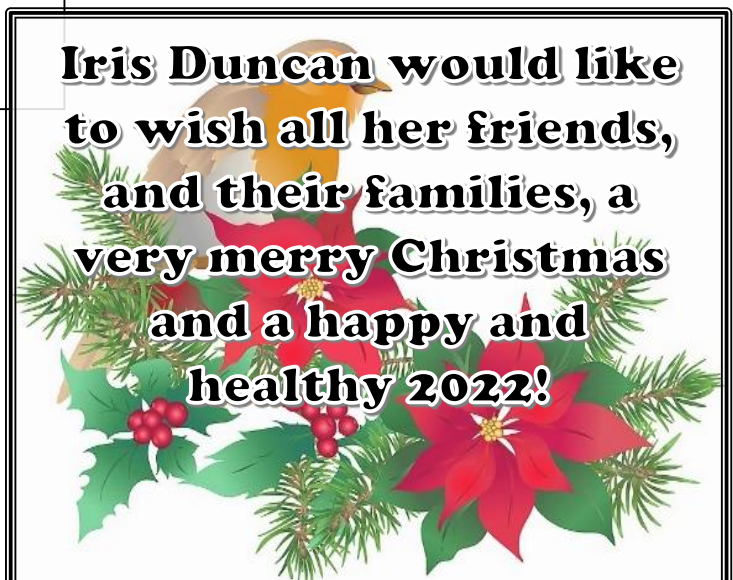
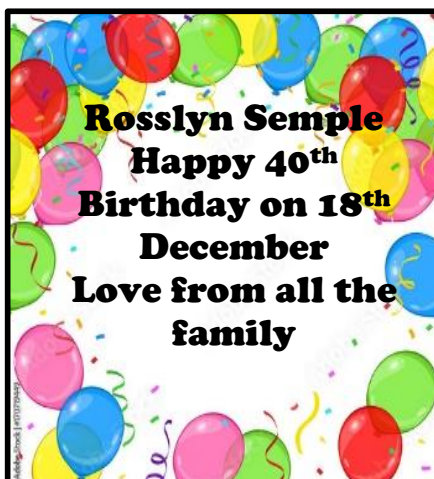
We are looking forward to welcoming our regular and future customers.

Scott, Hannah and Aimee

We have had a amazing 17years at The Cottage Bar. Made great memories and met fantastic guests/friends. Thank you everyone who has supported us over the years. We have handed over our home and business to a lovely family and I'm sure you will support and welcome, Hannah, Scott and their daughter Aimee. Chef Fiona and waitress Lynn are both staying on. Mum finally gets to retire! Sad day, but here's to a new adventure



Thank you. Traci & Di





The Community Council are awaiting delivery of the Defibrillator. This will be sited by the main entrance to the Maryburgh hall and will be registered with the Ambulance Service. More information will follow regarding training sessions for the community.

The residents of Maryburgh usually put on a great display of Christmas lights over the festive period so our next project will be Christmas street lights.

We have already sourced a few lights and we plan to apply for funding towards the cost of installing these. These will hopefully be checked and in place this year and we plan to fundraise to increase our display in time for next year.

MAC update

As the MAC AGM meeting organised for the 5th October was non quorate, an EGM (Emergency General Meeting) was arranged for November 10th. The EGM was comparatively well attended by thirteen (13) people and five (5) of those present have stepped up to take on the roles previously held by Jenny MacLennan and Andrew Steel.

Your new board is:

Anna Maria Stewart

Christine Graham

Cat Berry

John Mackay

Rhiannon Elder

Diana Budge will remain as treasurer.

Donald Stuart and Fiona Shand represent the Community Council as co-opted members.

Thanks is due to Jenny and Andrew for the time and effort put in to keeping MAC alive - through fundraising and refurbishing projects at the hall - despite hopes and ambitions being dashed by various factions!

Well, done! You deserve a well earned rest.

Thank you, Claire, Anne, Angela, Steph, Hazel, Gillian, DS and Ryan for delivering the flyers round the village informing all residents of the EGM. Also, Rhiannon, Nick, Lynn and Jean for dealing with the Lochussie area deliveries! It was greatly appreciated!

We are almost there in concluding the Community Asset Transfer of the former Primary School Building from Highland Council to Maryburgh Men's Shed. The date of transfer is dependent on the completion of the adjacent Council building development, which we can all see is coming to an end and the latest date for that is Mid November 2021. By the time the formal transfer is completed, this unfortunately means it is unlikely we will gain formal ownership before Christmas. However, we anticipate this should be early in the New Year when we can progress with our plans into a New Year and a new future.

We will need some time to bring our lovely building back to a safe and usable condition, after so many years of neglect and abandonment. Where possible we will look for volunteers to help us with this. Once open, we will let everyone know in advance and we are sure you will want to see our new Community asset for yourselves. We will arrange an open day for this.

Watch out for some fund-raising activities being announced soon, to help us along our way to opening and to help keep our building ship shape for many years to come.

Please contact maryburghms100@gmail.com with any queries or good community ideas, where you think our Men's Shed could be involved.

Happy Christmas from all in the Men's Shed Team



Because of the broken glass that has been in the hall car park, acts of vandalism and with the defibrillator soon to be attached to the building, it was thought that the installation of CCTV cameras would help stop any further damage around the hall area.

Members of MAC Fundraising Committee will be selling raffle tickets for three Christmas Hampers and all money raised will go to buying and installing CCTV cameras at the Amenities Centre.

The draw will take place on Saturday 18th December. Tickets will be £1 a strip and your support is always greatly appreciated.



"We had a very successful fundraising Bingo evening arranged by Peter and kindly hosted by the Cottage Bar. Great fun was had by all. Sincere thanks to all the local businesses that donated prizes and to everyone who came along .

A fantastic total of £1470 was raised for the defibrillator. Our thanks to Peter Dingwall for organising it and again to Traci at the Cottage Bar for hosting us for the evening and to all those who donated prizes, bought raffles and attended on the night. What a great way to support your community."

Race Night

"What an amazing night was had by all. Thank you so much to everyone who came along and supported Maryburgh Mens Sheds Charity and ourselves. A huge thanks to Ali Matheson for hosting the races and donating his time to us. He kept us all entertained and the bookies flowing.

Big shout out to The Black Isle Peas for putting on an amazing show and supporting the community by also donating their costs to the fundraiser.

We would also like to thank all our sponsors for the races and those who donated prizes."



Scout Post

Saturday 4th December

Maryburgh Hall

10am – 12 noon

Teas, coffees and mince pies on sale.

Guess the weight of the Christmas Cake

Let the Scouts take the leg work out of delivering local Christmas cards!

The "Roundabout" thanks those who have taken the time and made the effort to contact it via email or FB pm with events and information.

Apologies for any Facebook info which hasn't been included. The number of different pages means that it's difficult and frustrating to search for relevant information.

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